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Applicant : Rogelio AREAL GUERRA
Serial No. : 09/744,655
Filing Date : March 16, 2001
Examiner : MARC S. ALVO
Group Art Unit : 1731
For : PRODUCT FOR DE-ACIDIFICATION OF
CELLULOSE MATERIAL, PRODUCTION
AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

**Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT W/ REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time within which to respond to the Final Action dated July 7, 2003; that is, up to and including January 7, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 the amount of \$475.00 to cover the official fee for a small entity as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), plus the amount of \$385.00 due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for an RCE.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or for any over payment.

In response to the Final Action dated July 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: